

VOL. XVII.

AN APPEAL

To the Qualified Voters of South Carolina.

AN IMPORTANT STATEMENT

From the Citizens of Several Townships in the Upper Part of the State on a Vital Matter.

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The townships of Dunklin and Oak Lawn in the county of Greenville; Cokesbury, Ninety-Six and Cooper in the county of Greenwood; Sullivan in the county of Laurens; and Hulet and Pine Grove in the county of Saluda, hereby call to your attention the proposed amendment to Article VII Section 11 of constitution of 1895, which seeks to destroy the corporate existence of the said townships...

Without notice of these facts above recited, and which would go to impeach the validity of the said bonds...

That there is no moral consideration for the said indebtedness, inasmuch as the conditions prescribed by the Act upon compliance of which...

That the said debt does not constitute a legal indebtedness against the said townships if we accept as final the decision of the supreme court of South Carolina...

If this constitutional amendment, therefore, is voted, the townships having no longer any legal existence would have no corporate agent upon whom the Federal courts could lay their hands...

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Mrs. Dennis Dies. After hovering between life and death since last December, Mrs. Ada Gilbert Dennis, the victim of the most mysterious assaults in the history of the District of Columbia, died at the Griffith hospital in Washington Thursday...

A Good Example. Several of the up-country papers have recently noted the fact that former residents in Texas are sending to this state the weevil insect which has wrought millions of dollars' worth of destruction...

A Narrow Escape. Another accident occurred on the Southern not far from Easley on Tuesday afternoon. The Kenmore brothers were hauling corn, and as they drove across the track, the engine of passenger No. 12 struck the rear end of the wagon...

Five Murders. The little mining town of Dorchester, Va., has recently been the scene of five murders, occurring one immediately after the other...

PERISH IN A FIRE.

Over Twenty Men Are Burned to Death in Chicago.

THEY HAD NO TIME TO ESCAPE.

The Flames Spread from the Basement to the Seventh Story Where the Men Were Working Rapidly.

By a fire which broke out in Chicago shortly before midnight on Tuesday night of last week in the plant of the Chicago Sugar Refinery situated at Taylor street and the Chicago river, that factory was almost entirely destroyed, and it is said 20 men lost their lives...

The plant of the refining company consisted of three buildings, the drying house, seven stories in height, the main refinery, 14 stories high, and another structure of four stories. The fire started in the drying house, being caused by an explosion...

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Later, the fire was under control by 1 o'clock and although it was not possible at that time to form any estimate of the loss of life, the statements of the men employed in the drying house were soon conflicting...

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Several of the men who made their escape from the lower part of the building said that there were not more than 10 or 12 on the top floor, and it is not thought that there would be any loss of life among the men employed in any other part of the building...

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BRIGADE OF STATE TROOPS

Which Will be Commanded by Brig. Gen. Willie Jones.

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BREAKS OUT AGAIN.

Whitman Wants to Prohibit Chairman Jones from Putting NAME OF HEYWARD ON TICKET.

And Thus Prevent Him Running for Governor. The Matter Taken Into the United States Court.

Whitman, who has been standing candidate for Governor for a brand new year, has broken out in a brand new place. A dispatch from Union to the State says: G. Walt Whitman has brought action for an injunction against Col. Willie Jones, chairman of the State Democratic Committee, restraining them from putting the name of Hon. D. C. Heyward on the ticket for Governor.

The officers of the court sat about the room awaiting the coming of troops when there was a sudden movement on the part of several men in the room. The sheriff was overpowered and Wesley was taken possession of by the mob and hurried away.

Whitman says in his petition that he filed this plea within the prescribed time by and according to the rules and regulations of the Democratic party in this State. The proceedings are supported by the affidavits of S. C. DePass, who was then in his brother's law office...

The proceeding before Judge Buchanan were based on a number of affidavits, sworn to before W. Dixon, United States Commissioner. The affidavits were those of Dr. J. G. Goings, Col. James Munro, Dr. Wallace Culp and Capt. Jas. E. Hunter.

Most of the affidavits were to the effect that they knew Mr. Whitman to be of age, and a qualified elector, that his Democracy is above par when compared with other members of the general assembly of the State.

Late Saturday afternoon a negro man, a stranger in that section, met a negro woman in the public road on the Greenville side of the Saluda river and attempted an assault.

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NEW CITIZENS.

Interesting Figures Published by the Immigration Commissioner.

TROUSANDS OF THEM COME.

More Than Twice as Many Males as Females Landed Last Year on Our Shores.

The annual report of the commissioner of immigration was made public recently. It shows that the 648,743 immigrants who arrived in the United States during the last fiscal year were 466,369 males and 182,374 females. Of the entire number of arrivals, Italy supplied 178,375, an increase of 42,379 over the number for 1901; Austria-Hungary, 171,889, an increase of 38,599; and Russia, 107,347, an increase of 22,690.

Most European countries showed an increase, but there was a falling off in the arrivals from Ireland, amounting to 1,423, the total from that country being 29,138. The figures concerning Asiatic immigration show a decrease from 1,649, and an increase from Japan of 9,001, the total being 14,270, or 170 per cent. Of the entire number 162,188 were unable to read or write, but 704,065 were under 14 years of age.

The total number of aliens refused permission to land was 4,974, or about two-thirds of 1 per cent. of the total arrivals. Of these 3,944 were paupers, 709 had loathsome diseases, 92 were convicts and 129 were contract laborers. Reference is made to the alien contract labor bill pending in the senate and the commissioner expressed the hope that it may pass during the next session of congress.

Mr. Sargent finds that the sanguine view expressed in the last annual report of the bureau as to the effect of careful examination by the United States marine hospital surgeons upon the transportations bringing diseased aliens to American ports has not been confirmed by the experience of the past year. Speaking of the enforcement of the Chinese exclusion laws, Mr. Sargent says many obstacles have been encountered.

"The chief obstructions," he says, "to the efficient enforcement of the law arises on the one hand from the unscrupulous character of some American citizens and others who find a large profit in smuggling Chinese of the excluded classes across our land boundaries, and on the other from the constant interference of those zealous persons in our own country whose consciousness of their own exalted purposes in relation to the moral amendment of the Chinese appears to them ample justification some times for disregard of the law and often for the endeavor to have its provisions waived as unimportant in comparison with their own designs."

A special dispatch from Anderson to The State says: D. W. Hopkins, a white man made several attempts at suicide in a cell in the station house Friday night. He was arrested Thursday afternoon for drunkenness. Shortly after dark he took off his suspenders and tied them around his neck and then tied them to an iron bar across the top of his cell, only a foot or so above his head, and allowed his feet to drag the floor. He was strangling when some negroes in an adjoining cell noticed him. They gave the alarm and Street Overseer Lee, who was near, ran in and cut him down. He was soon revived and Mr. Lee left the premises. Twice more he swung himself up by his underclothing, but was cut down. Then he tried to butt his brains out against the sides of the cell, but gave it up after one or two attempts. Finally the police got some opiate and gave him and then he quieted down and went to sleep.

Two men were killed, one was fatally injured and two others were seriously injured in the bridge and construction department of the Pennsylvania Steel Works, at Steelton, Pa., Wednesday. The dead are Nelson B. Pettefer, 30 years; Frank Hirt, 27 years; Jere Leinark, 37 years, was fatally injured, and William Miller and John Chanck were seriously hurt. Shank's home is at Shiremanstown, Pa. The other men lived at Steelton. The men were painters and were working on a row of steel girders, weighing about ten tons apiece. The girder on which they were working fell with them and the others piled on top of it. Pettefer was crushed to death and Hirt died soon after being taken out of the mass of steel.

In Monday's issue The Herald declares that only President Roosevelt's attitude on the strike question saved his party from a great defeat. It says: "Whatever may be the outcome of the election in November—whether the Republicans are to lose the house of representatives for the first time since 1892; whether the party in power is to go upon the rocks in New York, Pennsylvania and other Eastern States and general chaos occur in Ohio, Indiana and the Middle West—the fact becomes clearer as the campaign opens east of the Alleghenies that but for President Roosevelt the Republican defeat would have been a foregone conclusion."

The little 3-year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Moore of Wallhalla, who more than a month ago swallowed a four penny wire nail, has coughed the nail up. The little one would have been taken to Atlanta for an operation at once had it not been for the serious sickness of Mrs. Moore. Except times of serious coughing the little girl seemed all right, but it was caused for rejoicing when it was coughed up.

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